

What is claimed is:

1. A skimmer assembly for a pool having a sidewall with an opening therein, the skimmer assembly comprising:

a skimmer housing adapted to be mounted to an outside surface of the sidewall adjacent the opening so as to be in fluid communication with the pool;

a faceplate adapted to be secured to an inside surface of the sidewall adjacent the opening, the faceplate including an outer periphery and an inner periphery, the inner periphery being in fluid communication with the opening and the skimmer housing;

means for fastening the faceplate to the sidewall such that the faceplate is sealingly secured to the inside surface of the sidewall; and

a skimmer seal for sealingly engaging the inner periphery of the faceplate whereby the skimmer housing is not in fluid communication with the pool.

2. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for fastening comprise a plurality of screws which pass through openings in the faceplate and the sidewall and are threadingly engaged with the skimmer housing.

3. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the inner periphery of the faceplate comprise a generally C-shaped sealing surface and the outer periphery of the skimmer seal comprise a rounded opening for sealingly engaging the faceplate inner periphery.

4. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 3, further comprising a lubricant applied between the faceplate inner periphery and the skimmer seal outer periphery.

5. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the faceplate further comprises a notched area adjacent the inner periphery.

6. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 3, wherein the faceplate further comprises a notched area adjacent the inner periphery.

7. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 2, wherein the inner periphery of the faceplate comprise a generally c-shaped sealing surface and the outer periphery of the skimmer seal comprise a rounded opening for sealingly engaging the faceplate inner periphery.

8. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 7, wherein the inner periphery comprises a first arm generally projecting in a direction towards the skimmer housing, a second arm perpendicular thereto and a third arm generally perpendicular to the second arm such that it projects away from the skimmer housing.

9. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 8, wherein the third arm includes a rounded portion on the end thereof.

10. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the inner periphery comprises a first arm generally projecting in a direction towards the skimmer housing, a second arm perpendicular thereto and a third arm generally perpendicular to the second arm such that it projects away from the skimmer housing.

11. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the inner periphery comprises an arm projecting towards the inner periphery of the faceplate and another arm generally perpendicular thereto such that it projects away from the skimmer housing.

12. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 11, wherein said another arm includes a rounded portion on the end thereof.

13. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the outer periphery of the faceplate comprises a lip adopted to engage a second cover.

14. The skimmer assembly as recited in claim 1, wherein the skimmer assembly further include a second cover attached to the outer periphery of the faceplate.

15. A faceplate for a pool skimmer assembly, the faceplate comprising

an outer periphery;

an inner periphery having an opening for fluid communication between the pool and the skimmer assembly; and

means for securing the faceplate to a pool sidewall, wherein the inner periphery further comprises an arm projecting towards the inner periphery of the faceplate and another arm generally perpendicular thereto.

16. The faceplate as recited in claim 15, wherein said another arm includes a rounded portion on the end thereof.

17. The faceplate as recited in claim 16, further comprising for sealingly engaging the inner periphery of the faceplate whereby the skimmer assembly housing is not in fluid communication with the pool.

18. A faceplate for a pool skimmer assembly, the faceplate comprising

an outer periphery;

an inner periphery having an opening for fluid communication between the pool and the skimmer assembly; and

means for securing the faceplate to a pool sidewall, wherein the inner periphery further comprises a first arm generally projecting in a direction towards the skimmer housing, a second arm perpendicular thereto and a third arm generally perpendicular to the second arm such that it projects away from the skimmer housing.

19. The faceplate as recited in claim 18, wherein the third arm includes a rounded portion on the end thereof.

20. The faceplate as recited in claim 19, further comprising a skimmer seal for sealingly engaging the inner periphery of the faceplate whereby the skimmer assembly is not in fluid communication with the pool.